



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1 February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We look forward to welcoming all students back to campus on Monday 7 February. I commend our Years 7 and 8 students for their ability to adapt to home-based learning for their first week of school. I trust boys in Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed their extended break and are looking forward to meeting their classmates and teachers on Monday.

I am writing to outline a few key reminders for the start of the school year.

Starting times for Middle School students are outlined in the table below. School will conclude at 3.00pm with the drop off zone opening at 3.15pm.

<b>Year 5</b>	Monday 7 February – 9.30am
<b>Year 6 (continuing)</b>	Monday 7 February – 9.30am
<b>Year 6 (new)*</b>	Monday 7 February – 9.00am
<b>Year 7 (new and continuing)</b>	Monday 7 February – 9.30am
<b>Year 8 (new and continuing)</b>	Monday 7 February – 8.15am

\* New Year 6 students are invited to meet with Mr Kenny at Middle School Reception on Monday 7 February at 9.00am.

Our new Year 8 students are invited to meet with Mr Hopes at Middle School Reception on Monday 7 February at 8.00am.

A reminder that classrooms will be open from 8.15am for all year levels. BGS Supervision will be available for Years 5 and 6 students from 6.30am.

To ease traffic congestion at the front of the School, we do encourage parents to take advantage of the later start time.

Due to the delayed start to the school year, our Middle School boys will undertake a modified orientation program. The timings are outlined in the table below.

	<b>Monday 7 February</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 February</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 February</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	Orientation Program	Orientation Program	Regular classes
<b>Year 6</b>	Orientation Program	Regular classes	Regular classes
<b>Year 7</b>	Orientation Program	Orientation Program	Regular classes
<b>Year 8</b>	Periods 1 and 2 – Orientation Program Period 3 – regular classes commence	Regular classes	Regular classes

Please find below **key reminders** for the start of the school year.

- If arriving for a 9.30am start on Monday, boys should proceed to their allocated classrooms. Staff will be available to assist boys at the front of the School. We request that parents refrain from entering the campus.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 who arrive prior to 7.45am should proceed to BGS Supervision in the Middle School Library.

**Brisbane Grammar School** Gregory Terrace Brisbane QLD 4000

**T** +61 7 3834 5301 **E** [ms.reception@brisbanegrammar.com](mailto:ms.reception@brisbanegrammar.com) **W** [brisbanegrammar.com](http://brisbanegrammar.com)

CRICOS Number 00489C

- Students in Years 7 and 8 who arrive before their allocated start time should proceed to their social space (Year 7 lower courtyard and Year 8 upper courtyard). Supervision commences at 7.45am.
- Students are to wear normal school uniform on their first day of school, including hat. Uniforms should be worn neatly and with polished shoes. All items should be clearly named.
- Year 5 boys may wear PE uniform on Tuesday 8 February. (Please note that students catching public transport must be in full academic uniform travelling to and from school).
- Boys must always have moderate haircuts. Hair should not be over the collar, ears or eyes. Hair must not be dyed an unnatural or uneven colour. Please refer to Middle School Parent Handbook regarding uniform and hair expectations.
- All classroom materials should be named. Books and stationery may be brought to school over the first few days.
- Tuckshop will be available from 7 February. Students need to use their ID card to access the Tuckshop. Time has been allocated in the Orientation Program for ID photos to be taken. New students will be able to access the tuckshop once they have received their ID card. Information on 'topping' up your son's ID card can be found on [MyGrammar](#)
- Boys are required to use the official BGS school bag to carry materials and the official BGS PE bag for sport uniforms.
- Years 5 and 6 students will receive their timetable on 7 February.
- If your son is going to be absent, we ask that you notify the School by emailing [absences@brisbanegrammar.com](mailto:absences@brisbanegrammar.com) or by calling 07 3834 5200 and selecting Option 1.

### **COVID-19 Information**

The School has developed COVID protocols for our return to school. This will be communicated to boys as part of the orientation process on Monday 7 February.

All students will be expected to wear masks while on campus. Further information relating to masks will be provided to the boys upon their return to school. I would appreciate you reviewing the quality of your son's mask, ensuring it is of a suitable standard as identified by Queensland Health.


Hygiene remains a key focus. Sanitation stations have been set up for students around the School. Please remind your son about the importance of thorough hand washing and coughing or sneezing into his elbow. Boys are also required to bring their own water bottle to school. Bubblers may only be used as refill stations.

Parents arriving on campus to sign their son out from Middle School Reception are requested to wear a mask and sign in using the QR code. Please note, visitors to the campus are restricted and we ask that you limit visits to urgent matters only. It is always preferable that appointments be made outside of school time, where possible.

Please keep your son at home if he is unwell. Any student who presents at school with cold or flu-like symptoms will be sent home. We appreciate your support with this request.

The School has been incredibly quiet without the boys. I sincerely miss their energy and enthusiasm and I look forward to welcoming them back on campus next week. Please do not hesitate to contact Middle School Reception or your son's Head of Year, if you have any questions regarding the return to school.

Kind regards,



Rebecca Campbell  
**Head of Middle School**